

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-5 (Canceled)

Claim 6 (Previously presented) A single use breakaway support assembly for securing overhead lines to a supporting structure comprising:

a support connector affixed to said supporting structure for securing the assembly to said supporting structure, said support connector having a solid portion and a hollowed portion;

a stabilizing assembly, said assembly having an overhead line connection point; and

a stranded connection member mounted at one end in said hollowed section of said support connector and at the other end in said stabilizing assembly;

whereby said connection member will yield when force is applied to said overhead line connection point.

Claim 7 (Previously presented) The support assembly of claim 6 wherein the hollowed portion of said support connector is disposed to internally receive a connection member having a diameter less than that of said support connector.

Claim 8 (Previously presented) The support assembly of claim 6 wherein said overhead line connection points is an independent component secured to said stabilizing assembly.

Claim 9 (Previously presented) The support assembly of claim 6 wherein the connection member has a lower tensile strength than the other components of the breakaway support assembly.

Claim 10 (Previously presented) The support assembly of claim 9 wherein the stabilizing assembly comprises:

- a generally oval shaped metal component; and
- a nipple protruding from said metal component,

whereby said nipple prevents abrasion of the connection member by the supporting structure.

Claim 11 (Previously presented) The support assembly of claim 9 further having a means for limiting the lateral movement of the overhead lines.

Claim 12 (Previously presented) The support assembly of claim 9 wherein said connection member will only yield to force in excess of the tensile strength of said connection member.

Claim 13 (Currently amended) A breakaway support assembly for securing overhead lines to a supporting structure comprising:

a support connector attached to said supporting structure for securing the assembly to the supporting structure;

an overhead line connection point; and

a stranded link member secured to said support connector to one end and secured to the overhead line connection point at the other end; and

a means for controlling the level of force at which the link member will yield;

whereby said link member will yield when force in excess of the tensile strength of said link member is applied to said overhead line connection point.

Claim 14 (Canceled)

Claim 15 (Canceled)

Claim 16 (Canceled)

Claim 17 (Canceled)

Claim 18 (Canceled)

Claim 19 (Currently amended) ~~The A breakaway support assembly of claim 15~~
for securing overhead lines to a supporting structure comprising:

a support connector attached to said supporting structure for securing the
assembly to the supporting structure;

an overhead line connection point;

a stranded link member secured to said support connector to one end and
secured to the overhead line connection point at the other end; and

a stabilizing assembly which includes an overhead line connection point, one end of said stabilizing assembly disposed to receive and secure one end of said link member, the other end of said stabilizing assembly includes said overhead line connection point;

wherein the stabilizing assembly comprises:

- a generally oval shaped metal component; and
- a nipple protruding from said metal component,

whereby said nipple prevents abrasion of the link member by the supporting structure.

Claim 20 (Previously presented) The support assembly of claim 19 further having a means for limiting the lateral movement of the stabilizing assembly.

Claim 21 (Previously presented) The support assembly of claim 19 wherein said stabilizing assembly includes a plurality of symmetrical cavities for decreasing the weight of said stabilizing assembly.

Claim 22 (Previously presented) A single use breakaway support assembly for securing overhead lines to a supporting structure comprising:

a support connector for securing the assembly to the supporting structure wherein said support connector is threaded at the end in contact with said supporting structure and a portion is hollowed out at the other end;

a stabilizing assembly which includes an overhead line connection point; and

a link mounted at one end in said hollowed section of said support connection and at the other end in said stabilizing assembly;

whereby said link will yield when force is applied to said overhead line connection point.

Claim 23 (Previously presented) The support assembly of claim 22 wherein the link is a stranded metal section with a lower tensile strength than the other components of the assembly.

Claim 24 (Currently amended) A single use breakaway support assembly for securing overhead lines to a supporting structure comprising:

a breakaway element that has a lower tensile strength than the other components of the breakaway support assembly;

a means for attaching said breakaway element to the overhead line; ~~and~~

a means for securing said breakaway element to the supporting
structure[.]] ; and

a means for controlling the level of force at which the breakaway element
will yield;

whereby said breakaway element will yield upon the application of a load
less than that required to damage the supporting structure thus preventing damage
to the supporting structure when unintended force is applied to said breakaway
support assembly.

Claim 25 (canceled)